THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Pakistan's support to subversion and terrorism directed against India is not conducive either to good neighbourly relations or to peace and stability in the region.

(c) Government have strongly urged Pakistan on several occasions and at all levels to stop its support to subversion and terrorism. Government have also apprised the international community of the dangers inherent in the support extended by Pakistan to terrorism. Government are firmly resolved to take as necessary measures to counter Pakistan's support to terrorism and to safeguard the unity and integrity of the nation.

Prime Minister's proposed visit to U.S.A.

1075. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether a schedule of the Prime Minister's proposed visit to the United States has been drawn out ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the items on the agenda for discussion with the US representatives; and

(c) if not, whether US-Administration has indicated its keenness about the Prime Minister's visit to US and by when such visit is likely to take place ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Dates for the Prime Minister's visit to the US have not yet been finalised.

विदेश स्थित भारतीय दूतावासों में अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जन जातियों के कर्मचारियों का अनुपात

1076. **श्रीमति सत्या बहिन** : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विदेश स्थित भारतीय दूतावासों में कार्यरत अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी-कितनी है; और

(ख) उक्त दूतावासों में कार्यरत कुल कर्मचारियों/अधिकारियों में उनका औसत अनुपात कितना-कितना है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० भाटिया) : (क) विदेश स्थित हमारे मिशनों में अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति के अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों की संख्या 335 है।

(ख) यह विदेश स्थित मिशनों में अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों की कुल संख्या का लगभग 13.73 प्रतिशत है।

Pakistan's warning of a Nuclear war

1077. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Foreign Minister of Pakistan in a news conference in Uzbekistan warned of a nuclear war recently during a visit to that country unless Islamabad's disputes with Delhi over Kashmir was settled peacefully on the terms of international law and the United Nation's resolutions ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have so far taken or propose to take in this regard including lodging a strong protest note to Pakistan and informing the world community comprising the leading nations of the World about this warning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) to (c) Government have come across media reports of a statement attributed to the Foreign Minister of Pakistan at Tashkent on January 8, 1994 to the effect that unless Kashmir issue is resolved under the UN resolutions, there is a danger of a nuclear war.

The Pakistan Foreign Office Spokesman subsequently clarified that the Foreign Minister of Pakistan only referred to the danger of another war between India and Pakistan over Kashmir issue.

Government regard such posturing and rhetoric adopted by Pakistan as a manifestation of Pakistan's negative approach.

Government are aware of Pakistan's clandestine and weapons-oriented nuclear programme and constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security and take all necessary measures to safeguard it. Government have consistently called upon Pakistan to give up its negative approach to India and to commit itself with sincerity to purpose resolve all outstanding differances within the framework of Simla Agreement. Government have apprisd the international community of the true facts of the situation in J & K and of Pakistan's support to subversion and theorrism which constitutes the root cause of tensions in our relations.

Bringing I.C.C.R. under the department of culture

1078. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a demand for bringing the Indian Council for Cultural Relations under the Department of Culture in the Ministry of Human Resources Development ; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

New European Union Visa Policy

1079. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :
SHRI N. E. BALARAM

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported new European Union Visa Policy to be operational after June, 1996;

(b) if so, whether it seeks to virtually divide the world into two categories – black and white in matter of immigration; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The European Union is considering a proposal under which 129 countries including India have been listed as those whose nationals shall be required to be in possession of a visa when crossing the external frontiers of the Member-States. The proposal is to be disscussed by the Council of Foreign Ministers and adopted unanimously before it becomes effective. The question of issue of visas to Indian nationals was raised at the Indo-EU Troika meeting in Brussels on 8th February, 1994, when Government conveyed their view that new visa regulations being contemplated by the European Union should not be applied in a manner that inconvenienced bona-fide visitors from India.

Monitoring of sick fishery section in Visakhapatnam

1080. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any deep-sea vessels from sick units operated their vessels in this season from Visakhapatnam ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have monitored the sick fishery sector in Visakhapatnam ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) :

(a) Yes, Sir